GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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SCHEMES FOR PROMOTION OF CULTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any scheme for promoting culture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for promotion and development of Indian culture in the country?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM &CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The mandate of the Ministry is to preserve and promote all forms of art and culture. To this end, the Ministry of Culture undertakes activities that follow from the subjects allocated under the Government of India's Allocation of Business Rules 1961.

The functional spectrum of the Ministry is rather wide, ranging from generating cultural awareness at the grassroots level to promoting cultural exchanges at an international level. Along with programmes for the preservation of India's ancient heritage, the activities of the Ministry encourage and disseminate a variety of contemporary creative arts as well. The Ministry's aim is to develop ways and means through which the basic cultural and aesthetic sensibilities of the people remain active and dynamic.

The activities are carried out through the attached/subordinate offices and autonomous institutions under the Ministry.